

### El Nido Youth Held Following Attack On Woman

A 22-year-old youth who ran amuck in the "Hobo Jungle" on the outskirts of El Nido in county territory Saturday morning and severely beat a woman resident of the settlement is being held on a series of felony charges.

Mrs. Bertie Young, 50, heard Fred Fales Jr., swearing and manhandling his mother some time early Saturday morning in the shack next door. She was roused by the scuffle and attempted to stop the abuse. In so doing the woman drew the full wrath of young Fales on herself.

Fales is reported to have struck the Young woman many times with a stick and beat her severely about the face and body, inflicting serious injuries. He is reported as having set fire to a tent house on the rear of the property, for which he is being held on suspicion of arson.

Sheriff's deputies were also reported as having found several sticks of dynamite in Fales' possession, which he has admitted.

Damage to property was estimated to be approximately \$1,383.

At present Fales is in the county jail booked on a suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon, arson, battery and illegal possession of dynamite.

Fales Sr., huddled several small children in a blanket and attempted to leave for help to control the enraged man. Fales Sr., a sickly man, was chased by his son, who attempted to stop the car in which the father was escaping by swinging a double-bitted axe. One of the blows hit the car and tore a gaping hole in a fender.

The younger Fales, unable to stop his father from leaving, returned to the shack, where he proceeded to maul Mrs. Young and his mother, Mabel Fales.

Mrs. Young sustained a broken leg, possible hip fracture, first and second degree burns, contusions and lacerations all over the body.

Sheriff's Deputies H. T. McMillan and R. C. Rogers of the Sheriff's Vermont sub-station, arrested the youth, who, apparently tired of beating the victims, went to sleep.

Fales was reported to have been drinking.

#### AT VISTA RANCH

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Johnston and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Felker motored to Vista Sunday, where they were entertained at the ranch home of Mr and Mrs. T. C. Adams, formerly of this city.

### 'Y' Membership Enrollment Exceeds Quota

Torrance Y.M.C.A. held its first report meeting in the annual membership enrollment Monday and it was revealed by L. Milton Isbell, executive secretary, that the drive had exceeded its quota of 10 percent for the initial report.

Sixty-three memberships were turned in together with \$459 in fees, it was said. The goal is 800 members and \$4,000 in money. The drive will continue for several weeks and increasing interest is being shown due to the improved "Y" program in Torrance, it was said.

"Membership in the Y.M.C.A. means being a part of a worldwide movement whose purpose we regard as being, in its essential genius, a world-wide fellowship of men and boys, united by a common loyalty to Jesus Christ for the purpose of developing Christian personality and building a Christian society. Secretary Isbell said. "It means being interested in the youth of the community, and having a part in the financial support of the local Y.M.C.A. program and activities."

Last year the "Y" sponsored twelve boys and young mens clubs with an enrollment of 368 and a total attendance of 5,418 in 222 sessions; it sponsored a teen-canteen that met 53 times during the year attended by 15,243 young people; organized 15 teams for athletic competition, held 119 sessions with attendance of 6,344; sponsored 88 special events such as parties, hikes, trips, swims, etc., held 144 sessions with a total attendance of 5,378; sent 103 boys to Y.M.C.A. summer camp and offered counsel to boys and young men.

In 1948 the Y.M.C.A. plans to sponsor the same type program as in 1947, but with additional leadership the "Y" can have more younger boys clubs and activities; have an adult-recreation program; have an industrial program and sponsor youth city-wide religious projects.

### Comon Given Scout Award

For serving 250 hours as an altar boy and having attained the rank of First Class Boy Scout, Paul Comon, son of Mrs. Ross Comon, 1011 Anapola avenue, was given the "Ad Altare Dei" cross award in a ceremony in St. Vibiana's cathedral in Los Angeles on Sunday, Feb. 8.

A member of Troop 216 and a junior assistant Scoutmaster, Paul served at the Catholic Church of the Nativity to become the 17th boy to win the award in the last six years, Boy Scout headquarters announced.

### 2 JUVENILE GANGS ADMIT MANY THEFTS

Acting on a tip from four Normont Terrace youths taken into custody last week by the Los Angeles police, sheriff's detectives obtained confessions from a second gang of local juveniles, solving a series of Lomita burglaries and petty thefts.

Seven Lomita youths and one Torrance lad, all 15 years of age and under, were questioned Monday concerning several burglaries of a florist and bakery shop at 2221 Lomita boulevard. Detective sergeants said that all, save one, had admitted complicity in the minor crime wave.

Also admitted by the gang, some of whom were from prominent local families, were cases of minor shoplifting and petty theft, detectives said.

It was the latest move in a drive by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's department to combat crime in Lomita, and Captain R. L. Bergh said that detectives are also pressing their search for a solution to the \$400 Rager's market burglary two weeks ago. After studying footprints near the scene of the crime, detectives do not believe that the market burglary was done by juveniles.

The four Normont Terrace youths, who when questioned last Thursday confessed and led to the apprehension of the Lomita gang, are being detained by San Pedro juvenile authorities in connection with several Harbor City burglaries.

Lt. M. W. Smith of the Harbor Juvenile department said that petitions against the Harbor City youths will be filed in Juvenile court.

Admitted burglaries by the Normont Terrace quartet, whose ages range between 13 and 15, include a \$610 job at Ken's Market on Belle Porte avenue last week. Only Lomita burglary admitted by the four youths was one at a pool hall at 2160 W. Lomita boulevard on Feb. 4.

Other thefts admitted by the Normont Terrace lads included those at the Harbor City Confectionery, the Mountain View Malt Shop at 1670 Pacific Coast highway, the home of Roy Humble at 1343 W. 245th street, the Normandie Market and two hotel rooms, juvenile authorities said.

Sheriff's detective sergeants F. P. Outhouse and Al Finn first questioned the Normont youths, then queried the Lomita gang.

Outhouse said that charges would be filed against several of the Lomita youths, whose admitted robberies totaled more than \$335.

### Crash Hurts Mrs. Weaver

A head-on collision Thursday noon on Dominguez St., near Inglewood ave., county territory, resulted in serious injuries to Mrs. W. M. Weaver of Torrance and cuts about the face of her husband, and Gilbert S. Hawkins, of Los Angeles.

The accident occurred during a driving rain shower and was attributed to poor visibility. The cars were damaged extensively.

South Bay Ambulance transported the victims to the Park Emergency Hospital in Gardena where treatment was given to Mrs. Weaver and the two men.

Mrs. Weaver was taken to Torrance Memorial Hospital, where her condition is reported as "good." She sustained lacerations of the face and head injuries, thought at first to be concussion.

### Gen. Wainwright Invited To L.A. Memorial Rites

General Wainwright has been invited to head more than 300 Bataan War Veterans who will march in the Los Angeles Memorial Day parade, according to Joseph L. Powers, 20505 South Vermont ave., who said he recently was appointed general chairman of the parade.

That which is striking and beautiful is not always good; but that which is good is always beautiful.—Ninon de L'Enclos.

I know that the Lord is always on the side of the right, but it is my constant anxiety and prayer that I and this nation should be on the Lord's side.—Abraham Lincoln

### Realty Board Meeting Held

Due to the marked increase in membership, members of the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board held their regular meeting Monday afternoon in the Chamber of Commerce Directors' room. President W. E. Bowen, who conducted the session, stressed the board's policy of more active participation in civic affairs.

Honoring State President Fred B. Mitchell and State Secretary Eugene B. Conser, the board has been invited to a luncheon in Hermosa Beach on Friday, Feb. 20.

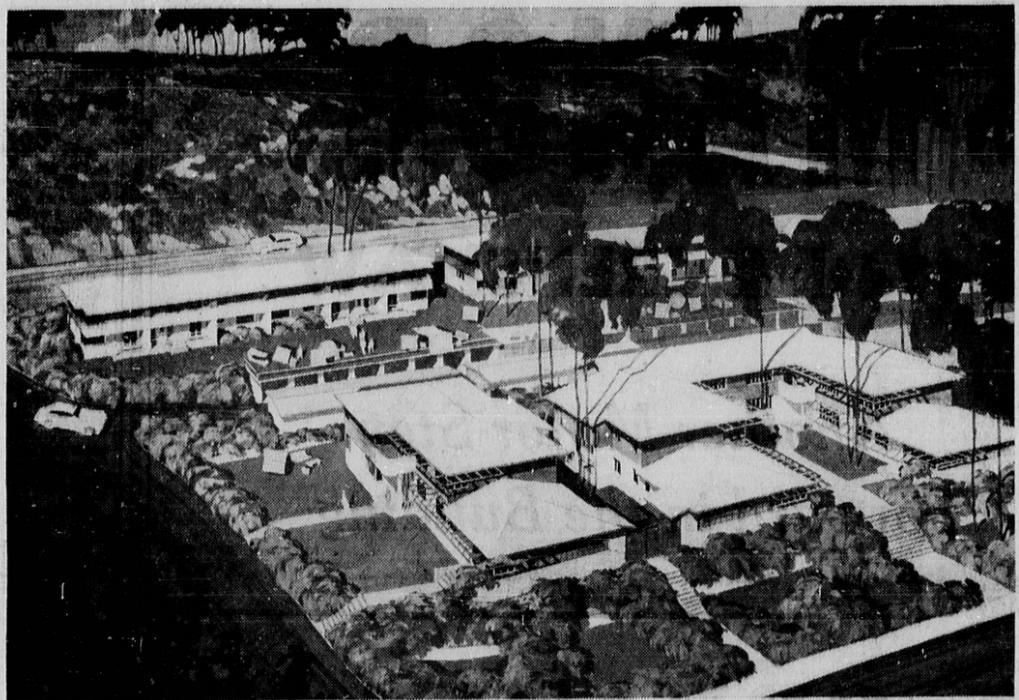
At the annual dinner meeting, held at Meiton's-by-the-Sea, W. E. Bowen presided for the first time and presented his board: Edith Smith, of Lomita, vice president; G. M. Earle, of Torrance, secretary-treasurer. Luther Mumford served as master of ceremonies for the meeting, attended by about 40 members.

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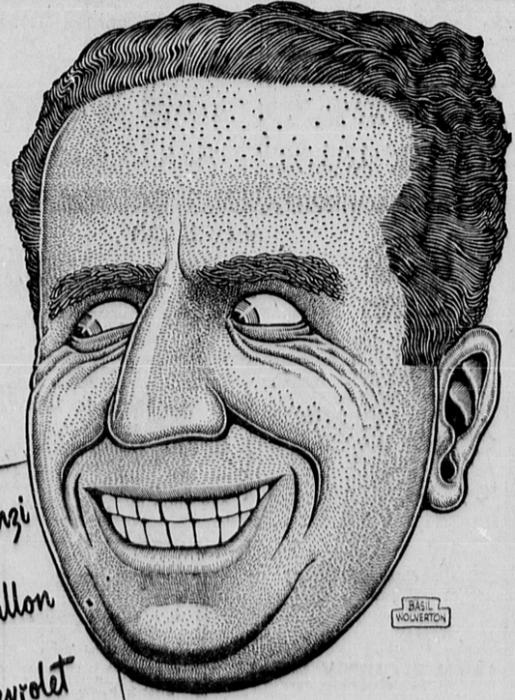
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